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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AHMED ASHOUR, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff.

V.

ARIZONA BEVERAGES USA LLC, HORNELL BREWING CO., INC., BEVERAGE MARKETING USA, INC., ARIZONA BEVERAGES HOLDINGS LLC, and ARIZONA BEVERAGES HOLDINGS 2 LLC,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:19-cv-07081(AT)(OTW)

DEFENDANTS' INITIAL REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS TO PLAINTIFF

TO: Carlos F. Ramirez, Esq.
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New York, New York 10025
Attorneys for Plaintiff, Ahmed Ashour

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants, Arizona Beverages USA LLC, Hornell Brewing Co., Inc., Beverage Marketing USA, Inc., Arizona Beverages Holdings LLC and

Arizona Beverages Holdings 2 LLC ("Defendants"), pursuant to Rule 36 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby demand that Plaintiff, Ahmed Ashour ("Plaintiff"), respond to the following requests for admissions within the time and in the manner prescribed by Rule 36 by admitting or denying the statements set forth in the "Requests" below.

Dated: June 9, 2020

By:

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Beverages Holdings 2 LLC

DEFINITIONS

- 1. "Complaint" means the First Amended Class Action Complaint filed by Plaintiff in the above-captioned lawsuit on September 24, 2019 (Doc. 42).
- 2. "Arizona Beverage" and/or "Arizona Beverages" means any of the "Arizona" brand beverages which are the subject of Plaintiffs' Complaint as referred to in paragraphs 2 and 41 of the Complaint.
- 3. "You," "your," and/or "Plaintiff" means Plaintiff, Ahmed Ashour, as that individual identified in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.

REQUESTS

1. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Iced Tea with Lemon Flavor between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

2. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Iced Tea with Lemon Flavor between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

3. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Green Tea with Ginseng and Honey between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

4. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Green Tea with Ginseng and Honey between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

5. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Arnold Palmer Lite Half Iced Tea Half, Lemonade between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

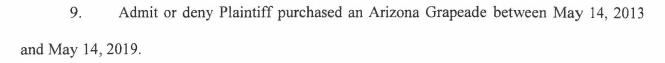
6. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Arnold Palmer Lite Half Iced Tea, Half Lemonade between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

7. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Zero Calorie Iced Tea with Peach Flavor between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

8. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Zero Calorie Iced Tea with Peach Flavor between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.



10. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Grapeade between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

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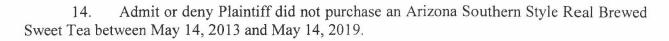
11. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Iced Tea with Raspberry Flavor between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

12. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Iced Tea with Raspberry Flavor between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

13. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Southern Style Real Brewed Sweet Tea between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.



15. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Arnold Palmer Zero-Half Iced Tea, Half Lemonade between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

16. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Arnold Palmer Zero-Half Iced Tea, Half Lemonade between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

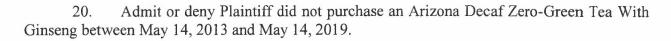
17. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Golden Bear Lemonade Iced Tea Lite (Strawberry) between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

18. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Golden Bear Lemonade Lite (Strawberry) Iced Tea between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

19. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Decaf-Zero Green Tea With Ginseng between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.



21. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Kiwi Strawberry Fruit Juice between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

22. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Kiwi Strawberry Fruit Juice between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

23. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Watermelon Fruit Juice between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

24. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Watermelon Fruit Juice between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

25. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Fruit Punch Fruit Juice between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

26. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Fruit Punch Fruit Juice between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

27. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Mucho Mango Juice between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

28. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Mucho Mango Juice between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

29. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Rx Energy Herbal Tonic between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

30. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Rx Energy Herbal Tonic between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

31. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Green Tea With Ginseng between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

32. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Green Tea With Ginseng between May 14, 2013 and May 14, 2019.

Response:

33. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of the flavor of that product.

Response:

34. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because of the flavor of that product.

Response:

35. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of the taste of that product.

Response:

36. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because of the taste of that product.

37. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of the price of that product.

Response:

38. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because of the price of that product.

Response:

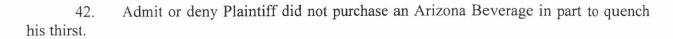
39. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of familiarity with that product.

Response:

40. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because of familiarity with that product.

Response:

41. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part to quench his thirst.



43. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of the quantity contained in the bottle and/or can.

Response:

44. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because of the quantity contained in the bottle and/or can.

Response:

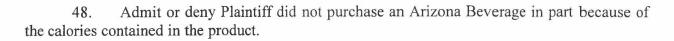
45. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because the product was not a carbonated beverage.

Response:

46. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because the product lacked carbonation.

Response:

47. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of the calories contained in the product.



49. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of the ingredients contained in the product.

Response:

50. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because of the ingredients contained in the product.

Response:

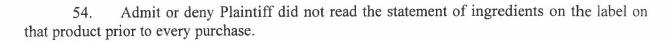
51. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of the lack of sugar content.

Response:

52. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because the lack of sugar content.

Response:

53. Admit or deny that each time Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage he read the statement of ingredients on the label on that product prior to every purchase.



55. Admit or deny Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because of the brand name.

Response:

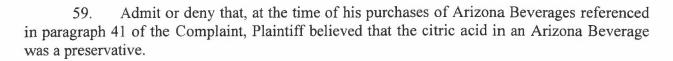
56. Admit or deny Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Beverage in part because of the brand name.

Response:

57. Admit or deny that, at the time of his purchases of Arizona Beverages referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff believed citric acid may be a preservative.

Response:

58. Admit or deny that, at the time of his purchases of Arizona Beverages referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff believed that citric acid may not be a preservative.



60. Admit or deny that, at the time of his purchases of Arizona Beverages referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff did not believe that the citric acid in an Arizona Beverage was a preservative.

Response:

61. Admit or deny that, at the time of his purchases of Arizona Beverages referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff believed that consuming a preservative was harmful to his health.

Response:

62. Admit or deny that, at the time of his purchases of Arizona Beverages referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff did not believe that consuming a preservative was harmful to his health.

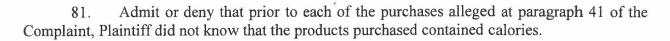
Response:

63. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased and consumed products containing citric acid since May 14, 2019.

		Admit or deny that Plaintiff has not purchased and consumed products containing 2 May 14, 2019.				
Response:						
2019.	65.	Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased and consumed an orange since May 14,				
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2019.		Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased and consumed a lemon since May 14,				
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71. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased and consumed grapefruit 14, 2019.	juice since May
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72. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased and consumed a tomate 2019.	o since May 14,
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73. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased and consumed wine since Response:	May 14, 2019.
74. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased the Arizona Green Tea w Honey, referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, in part because the priginseng.	
Response:	
75. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase the Arizona Ginseng and Honey, referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, in part becontained ginseng.	

76. Admit or deny that prior to each of the purchases alleged at paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff knew that citric acid was an ingredient in the products purchased. Response:
77. Admit or deny that prior to each of the purchases alleged at paragraph 41 of the
Complaint, Plaintiff did not know that citric acid was an ingredient in the products purchased. Response:
78. Admit or deny that prior to each of the purchases alleged at paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff knew that the products purchased contained high fructose corn syrup. Response:
79. Admit or deny that prior to each of the purchases alleged at paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff did not know that the products purchased contained high fructose corn syrup. Response:
80. Admit or deny that prior to each of the purchases alleged at paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff knew that the products purchased contained calories.



82. Admit or deny that prior to each of the purchases alleged at paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff did not have any concern about the ingredients in the products purchased.

Response:

83. Admit or deny that prior to each of the purchases alleged at paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff did have a concern about the ingredients in the products purchased.

Response:

84. Admit or deny that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

Response:

85. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

Response:

86. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "B".

87. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "B".

Response:

88. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "C".

Response:

89. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "C".

Response:

90. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "D".

Response:

91. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "D".

Response:

92. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "E".

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93. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "E".

Response:

94. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "F".

Response:

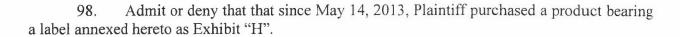
95. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "F".

Response:

96. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "G".

Response:

97. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "G".



99. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "H".

Response:

100. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "I".

Response:

101. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "I".

Response:

102. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "J".

Response:

103. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "J".

104. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "K".

Response:

105. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "K".

Response:

106. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "L".

Response:

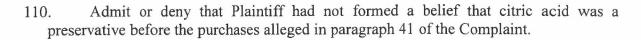
107. Admit or deny that that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "L".

Response:

108. Admit or deny that since May 14, 2013, Plaintiff never purchased a product bearing a label annexed hereto as Exhibit "M".

Response:

109. Admit or deny that Plaintiff formed a belief that citric acid was a preservative before the purchases alleged in paragraph 41 of the Complaint.



111. Admit or deny that the Putative Class includes every single resident in the United States who purchased, within the six-year period immediately preceding May 14, 2019, any Arizona Beverage in the United States for the same reason(s) Plaintiff made each purchase.

Response:

112. Admit or deny that the Putative Class includes every single resident in the State of California who purchased, within the six-year period immediately preceding May 14, 2019, any Arizona Beverage in the State of California for the same reason(s) Plaintiff made each purchase.

Response:

113. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased more than 10 items of Arizona Beverages during the six-year period immediately preceding May 14, 2019.

Response:

114. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased more than 20 items of Arizona Beverages during the six-year period immediately preceding May 14, 2019.

115. durii	Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased more than 50 items of Arizona Beverages ng the six-year period immediately preceding May 14, 2019.
Response:	
116. Response:	Admit or deny that prior to May 14, 2019, Plaintiff purchased Arizona Beverages.
117. Response:	Admit or deny that after May 14, 2019, Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage.
118. Beve <u>Response:</u>	Admit or deny that after May 14, 2019, Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona trage.
119. Response:	Admit or deny that Plaintiff will purchase an Arizona Beverage again.
120.	Admit or deny that Plaintiff will not purchase an Arizona Beverage again.

121. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage for one reason.

Response:

122. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage for more than one reason.

Response:

123. Admit or deny that Plaintiff is unaware of all the reasons why other people purchase Arizona Beverages.

Response:

124. Admit or deny that Plaintiff is aware of all the reasons why other people purchase Arizona Beverages.

Response:

125. Admit or deny that Plaintiff is obligated to pay all reasonable and necessary expenses he incurs in this litigation.

Response:

126. Admit or deny that, other than the Arizona Beverages referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff has purchased other items of food and/or beverage which contain citric acid.

127. Admit or deny that, other than the Arizona Beverages referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Plaintiff has never purchased other items of food and/or beverage which contain citric acid.

Response:

128. Admit or deny that, after May 14, 2019, Plaintiff has purchased food and/or beverages labeled as having "no preservatives."

Response:

129. Admit or deny that, after May 14, 2019, Plaintiff has not purchased food and/or beverages labeled as having "no preservatives."

Response:

130. Admit or deny that each time he purchased an Arizona Beverage, Plaintiff personally consumed same.

Response:

131. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage in part because that product was labeled "No Preservatives."

Response:

132. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased an Arizona Beverage solely because that product was labeled "No Preservatives."

133. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased the Arizona Rx Energy Herbal Tonic, referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, in part because that product contained caffeine.

Response:

134. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase an Arizona Rx Energy Herbal Tonic, referenced in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, in part because that product contained caffeine.

Response:

135. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased a Lipton Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

136. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase a Lipton Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

137. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased a Twinings Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

138. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase a Twinings Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

139. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased a Nestea Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

140. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase a Nestea Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

141. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased a Snapple Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

142. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase a Snapple Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

143. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased a Gold Peak Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

144. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase a Gold Peak Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

145. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased a Pure Leaf Lemon Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

146. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase a Pure Leaf Lemon Iced Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

147. Admit or deny that Plaintiff purchased a Pure Leaf Unsweetened Black Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

Response:

148. Admit or deny that Plaintiff did not purchase a Pure Leaf Unsweetened Black Tea beverage since May 14, 2013.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of Defendants' Initial Request for Admissions to Plaintiff was served this day, via email and Federal Express overnight delivery, upon Carlos F. Ramirez, Esq., Reese LLP, 100 West 93rd Street, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10025, attorneys for Plaintiff.

Dated: June 9, 2020

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EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT B



EXHIBIT C

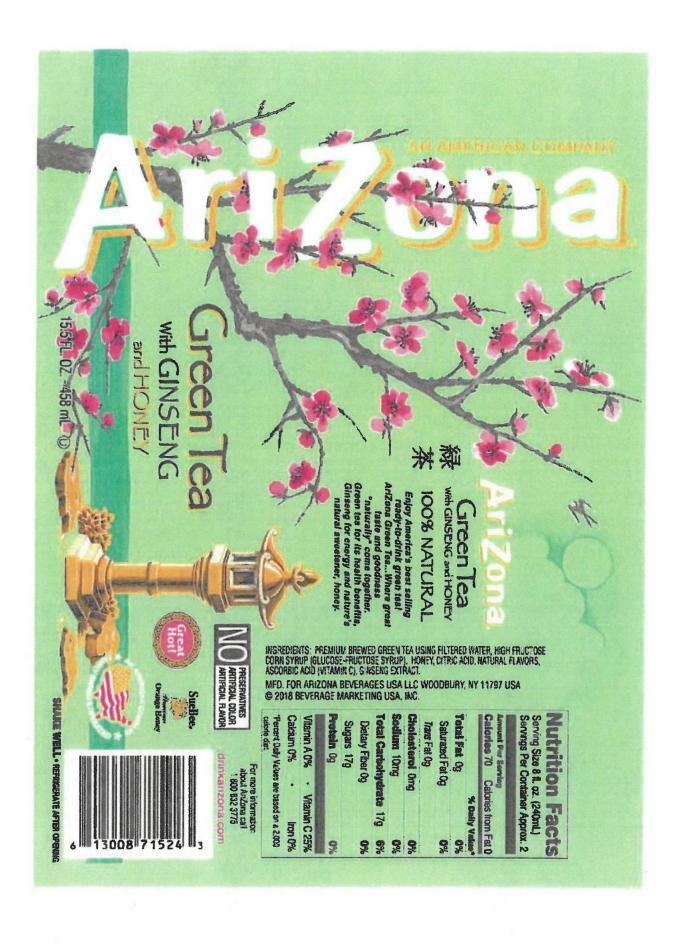


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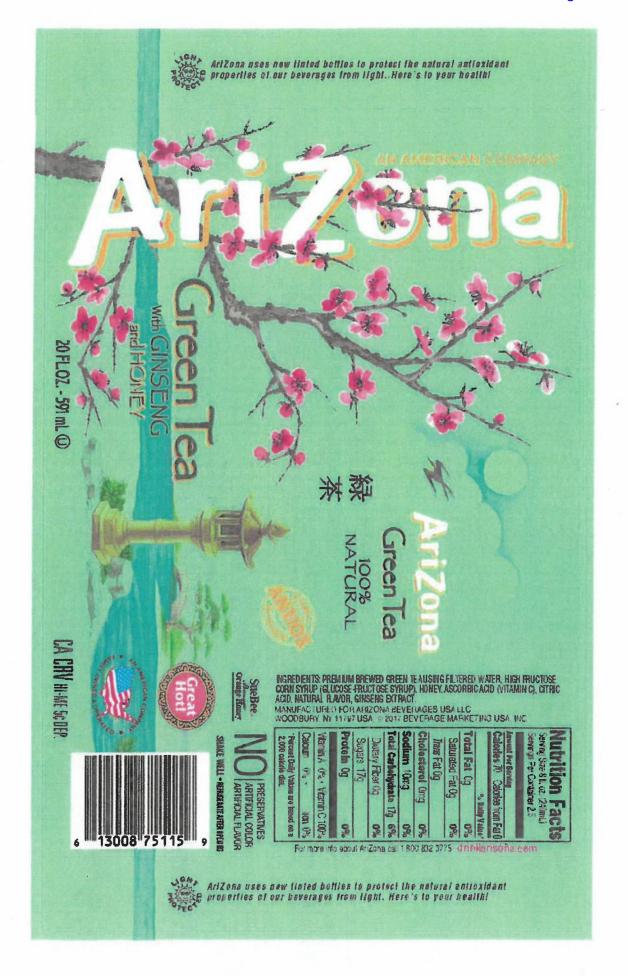


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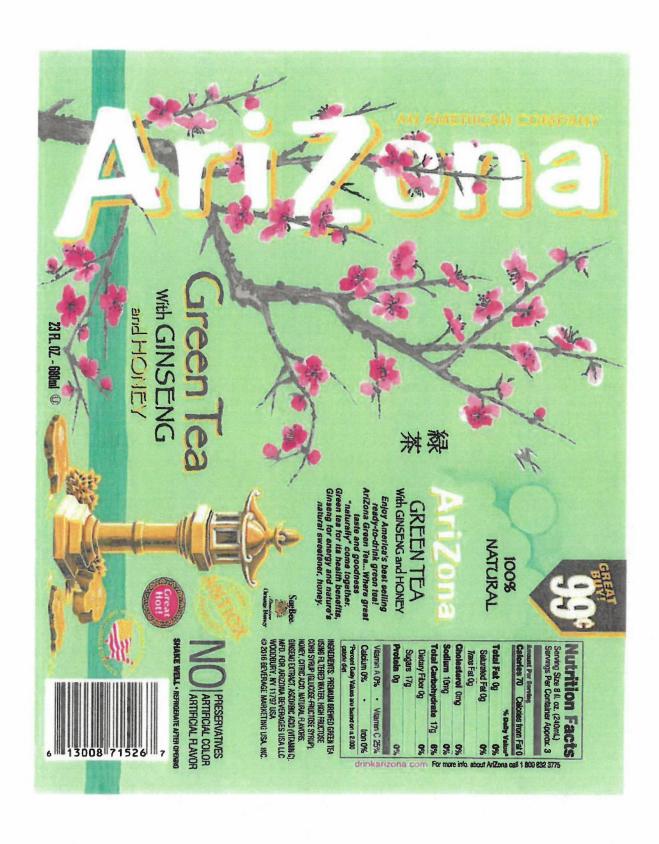


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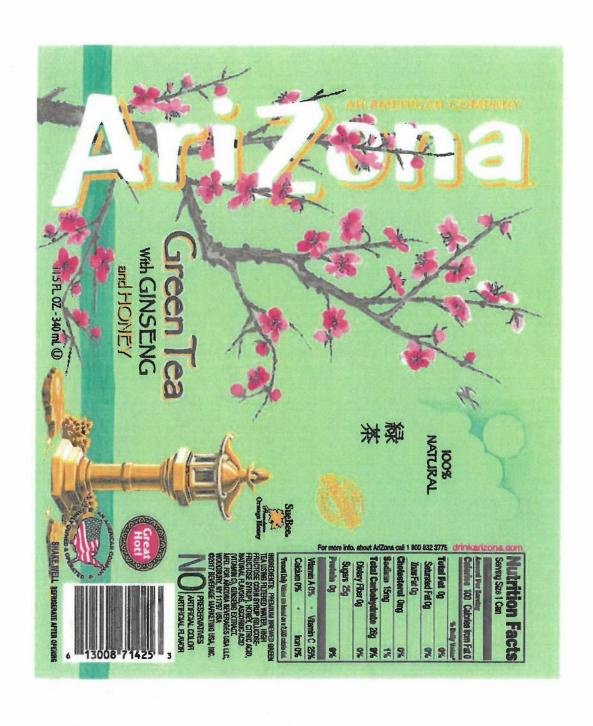


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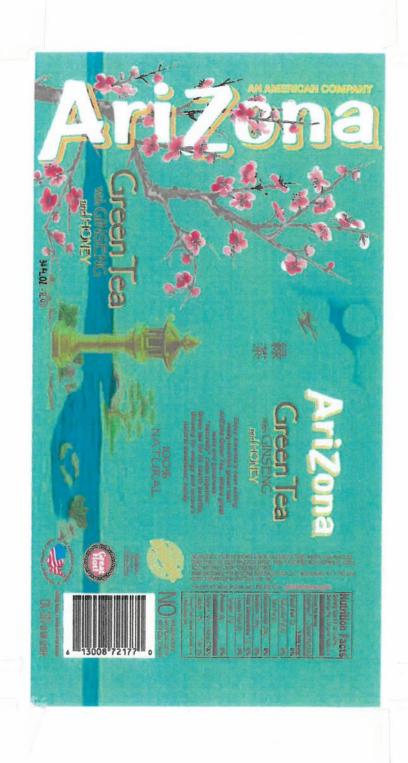


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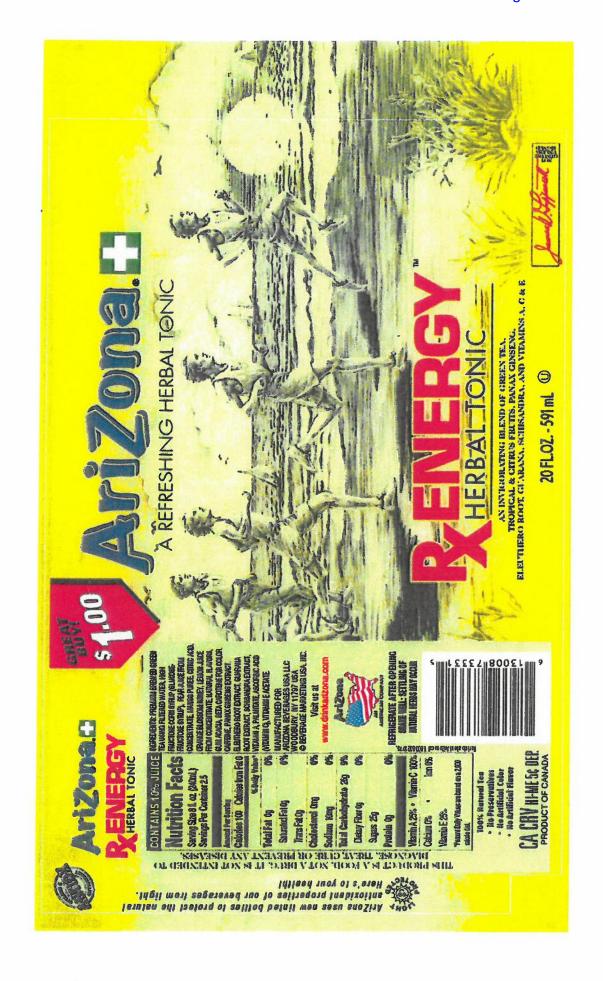


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